

The Mogoum of Chad

The Mogoum live in south central Chad in the Guera prefecture, in the Mongo, Bitkine and Melfi subprefectures. They are 500 meters above sea level, and their climate is hot and dry.

The Mogoum area is far away from the headquarters of the canton and subprefectures where there are dispensaries and hospitals. There is virtually no transportation. Good water is hardly available. Intestinal and other infections (the leading cause of death for this people group) are due largely to lack of sanitation and clean water.

They have good relations with their neighbours of Bolgo, Saba, Bidiyo, Kenga, Mahoua, and Oubi. The village chiefs are subservient to the canton chiefs (sultans), and there are no clan or caste systems. The family structure includes extended family. The chiefs and their elders are in authority, and they make appeals to the sultan. Ramadan, and Eid Al-Ahda are the religious celebrations observed. Recreation includes socializing, listening to the radio, and evening dances.

Huts are made of mud bricks and have straw roofs. There is no electricity. Their clothing is mostly traditional Muslim, long robes. In daily life more affordable (and practical) clothing is worn, and rags are worn for fieldwork. The youth help with farming, and girls also help with housework and childcare.

They are agriculturalists, hunters, and gatherers. The national average income (1994) is less than \$450 per year. The Arabs sell them milk and meat.

Although 34% of the Chadians are said to be Christian Believers, the Mogoum are 100% Muslim. Their commitment and identification with Islam makes them resistant to change of religious preference. There are no forms of gospel

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Primary Religion:

Islam

Disciples (Matt 28.19):

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Churches:

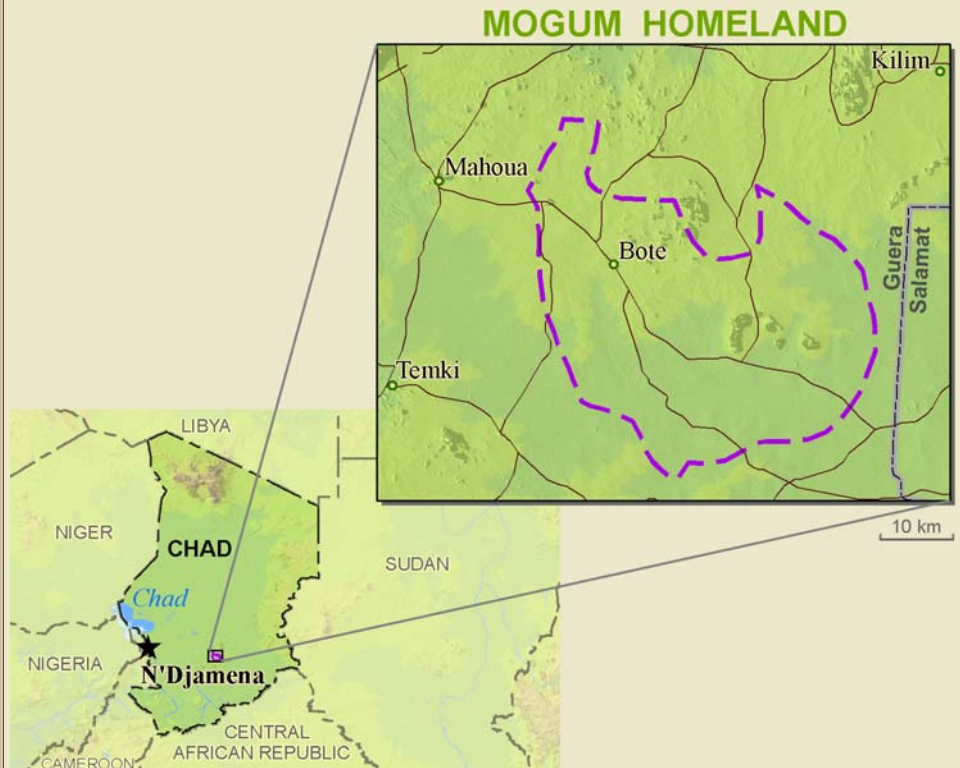
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Scripture Status (Matt 28.20):

None in their language

Population (date):

5,000 (1993)



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Item Name

Item Note

Have They Heard The Gospel?

Profile Summary

Number Of Pastors	0
Number Of Missionaries Working	0
Number Of Churches	0
Is The Word Of God Translated?	No
Any Hinderance To Scripture Distribution?	Literacy Rate: 6.9% (average for the Guera) Most of the people are illiterate in French and Chad Arabic, thus, literacy projects would be necessary along with translation.
Forms Of Gospel Presentation Available (Summary)	None

Population All Countries

Group Description

World Population For This People	5,000
World Population (Date)	1993

Countries Where People Group Lives

Group Description

Country Name	Chad
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Geography & Environment

Group Description

Location	South Central Chad in the Guera prefecture, in the Mongo, Bitkine and Melfi sub-prefectures.
Country	Chad
Ecosystem Type	Savannahs
Geological Type	Mountain, Valley
Elevation	500 m above sea level.
Longitude	18.5 E
Latitude	11.4 N
Climate	Hot and dry

Language & Linguistics

Group Description

Primary Language	MOGUM
Comment (Language)	The 'Primary language' drop down 'Select List' does not list 'Mogoum' as a selection for the primary language as reported. Instead it lists 'Mogum', which is reported to be the alternate name for this people group.
Alternate Language Names	MOGOUM
Comment (Alternate Names)	The drop down 'Select List' does not permit selection of 'Mogum' for alternate name as reported. The 'Primary language' drop down 'Select List' does not list 'Mogoum' as a selection for the primary language as reported. Instead it lists 'Mogum', which is reported to be the alternate name for this people group.
Dialects	JEGU
Dialects	KOFFA
Comments (Dialect)	Dele is reported to be a dialect for this people group, but was not available on the drop down 'Select List. Jegu, another dialect, is reported to be inherently intelligible.
Attitude Towards Mother Tongue	Very receptive
Second Languages	Chadian Arabic
Linguistically Related Languages	BIDIYO
Linguistically Related Languages	DANGALEAT
Linguistically Related Languages	MIGAAMA
Comments (Neighbor Languages)	KARAKIR, and MOKOULOU are also reported to be linguistically related languages for this people group.
Corrections To Ethnologue Entry	Replace dialect names with the following: Dele, Koffa, and Jegu.

Literacy

Group Description

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Item Name	Item Note	
Adult Literacy Percentage	Total: 6.9%	
Comment (Attitude to literacy)	It was reported in 1993 that 6.9% total literacy is the average of the Guera prefecture.	
Percent Literate For Men	12.9%	
Percent Literate For Women	1.9%	
Literacy Attitude	Very receptive	
Active Literacy Program	No	
Economics		Group Description
Subsistence Type	Agriculturalists	
Comment (Subsistence Type)	This people group are also reported to be hunters and gatherers.	
Average Annual Income	Less than \$450 USD, which was reported to be the national average in 1994.	
Income Sources	Selling or trading goods.	
Products / Crafts	Produce from farming, such as millet.	
Trade Partners	Arabs sell them milk and meat.	
Community Development		Group Description
Health Care (Quality)	None	
Comment (Health Care)	The Mogoum area is far away from the chef-lieux de canton and subprefectures (that have dispensaries and hospitals) and there is virtually no transportation.	
Water (Quality)	Poor	
Comment (Water)	It is reported that 'good water' is hardly available. There is a great need for wells.	
Shelter Description	Huts are made of mud bricks and have straw roofs.	
Electricity	None	
Clothing	Mostly traditional Muslim clothing (long robes). However, in daily life in the villages, their apparel is what is more affordable (at the minimum), and what is practical. Rags are worn for field work.	
Transportation	It is reported there is 'virtually' no transportation.	
Infant Mortality Rate	It is reported there is approximately 14 infant deaths for every 1,000 births.	
Life Expectancy	The average life expectancy for this people group is reported to be 59.6 years.	
Leading Cause Of Death	Intestinal infections.	
Comment (Community Development)	Child Mortality (listed as 23% as compared to 14% infant mortality), Life Expectancy, and Leading Cause of Death information is based on the regional average (1993). Intestinal and other infections are due largely to the lack of sanitation and availability of clean water.	
Society & Culture		Group Description
Family Structures	Includes extended family.	
Neighbor Relations	Good relations with Bolgo, Saba, Bidiyo, Kenga, Mahoua, and Oubi.	
Authority / Rule	Village chiefs are subservient to the canton chiefs (sultans).	
Social Habits/Groupings	There are no clan or caste systems.	
Cultural Change Pace	Slow	
Identification With National Culture	Similar	
Self Image	Prestigious	
Judicial / Punishment System	Village chiefs and their elders make appeals to the sultan.	
Celebrations	Islamic celebrations (Ramadan and Eid Al-Ahda). No traditional celebrations observed.	
Recreations	Socializing, listening to the radio, and evening dances.	
Media	Radio Nationale du Tchad broadcasts in Chadian Arabic and French.	
Local Language Broadcasting	None	
Attitude To Outsiders	Somewhat resistant	

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Attitude To Change

Item Note

Somewhat receptive

Comment (Attitude To Change)

Those interviewed were very open to development.

Youth

Group Description

Labor and tasks (6-12 year olds)

Helping with farming and girls also help with housework and childcare.

Youth Greatest Needs (teens)

Basic education for all of the youth.

Education

Group Description

Primary Schools

3

Language Of Instruction Early Years

French

Language Of Textbooks Early Years

French

Number Of Schools > 90% Homogeneous

3 (more than 90% homogeneous)

Comment (Education)

Of the 3 schools, none has the full primary school "cycle" of six years. One offers 5 years, another 3 years, and the other, 2 years. Only the first one has an officially trained teacher. The other teachers are "maitres benevoles" without pedagogical training, and often without complete secondary school education themselves. Pupil enrollment is very low since the children have to help with farming.

Church Growth

Status of Christianity

Total Baptized

0 known

Lay Leaders

0

Bible Schools

0

Comment (Christian Clinics/Hospitals)

0

Christian Literacy Centers

0

Comment (Church Growth)

It is reported there are no known Believers in this people group.

Religion & Response

Status of Christianity

Religious Practices & Ceremonies

Ramadan, and Eid Al-Ahda.

Attitude To Christianity

Somewhat resistant

Comment (Attitude To Christianity)

The commitment to and identification with Islam makes them resistant toward change of religious preference.

Attitude To Religious Change

Somewhat resistant

Comment (Attitude Religious Change)

Their commitment and identification with Islam makes the Mogoum people resistant to religious change.

Resistance / Receptivity

The Mogoum people are not very receptive to Christianity and religious change because of their commitment and identification with Islam.

Spiritual Climate And Openness

Although Chad is reported to be open to missionaries and it is reported that there is 34% Christianity in Chad and 11% of evangelicals, because the Mogoum people group are committed to and identify with Islam, this makes them somewhat resistant to change of religious preference.

Recommended Approaches

Living among the Mogoum to help with development, education, literacy, or healthcare would provide opportunities to share the Gospel of Christ. The Mogoum have especially shown a great interest in language development and would welcome a mother tongue literacy project.

Current Needs

Community development in the villages is needed, primarily through the provision of medical assistance, schools, wells, and agricultural development. In addition, there is a need for Bible translation.

Items For Prayer

Pray that the Lord would put a desire for a relationship with a living God in the hearts of the Mogoum.

Scripture

Status of Christianity

Translation Status

Definite

Available Scripture

None

Comment (Scripture)

Because most of the people are illiterate in French and Chad Arabic, this presents a hindrance to Scripture distribution. Literacy projects would be necessary along with translation.

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Item Name

Other Forms Of Gospel Available: Literature

Other Forms Of Gospel Available: Recordings

Other Forms Of Gospel Available: Film/Videos

Other Forms Of Gospel Available: Radio

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Nothing available in the Mogoum language.

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